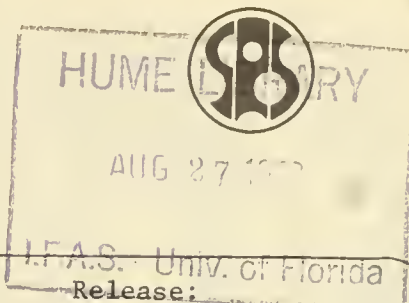


honey production



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Honey production in the United States during 1972 totaled 214.6 million pounds--up 9 percent from the 1971 crop, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This year's honey crop was produced by 4.1 million colonies, down 1 percent from a year earlier. Colony numbers have declined each year since 1958. Yield of honey per colony was 52.8 pounds, compared with 48.0 in 1971. Beeswax production totaled 4.0 million pounds in 1972, 12 percent more than was produced in 1971.

In mid-December, producers reported 30.0 million pounds of honey on hand for sale, compared with 30.9 million pounds the previous year. Stocks in mid-December represented 14 percent of the 1972 honey production compared with 16 percent in 1971.

The honey flow was generally more favorable than in 1971, especially in North and South Dakota, where late summer rains made possible an excellent crop. California with 500 thousand colonies produced 24.5 million pounds, 11 percent of the Nation's production. Florida with 350 thousand colonies produced 26.6 million pounds.

Honey producers received an average of 31.3 cents per pound for honey during 1972, 44 percent above the 1971 average price of 21.8 cents per pound and the highest price since 1947. These prices relate to all wholesale and retail sales, extracted, chunk and comb honey from apiaries owned by farmers and non-farmers.

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Revision in Estimates: The 1965-69 honey and beeswax estimates were reviewed and revised, if necessary. The revised estimates were based on a thorough review of the original estimates taking into consideration current survey data collected during the period and other information such as State inspection records, estimates by State apiary inspectors and entomologists, and reports from commercial honey buyers and packers. Revised estimates by States for the years 1965-69 are shown in Statistical Bulletin No. 500 "Honey Production". This bulletin is available on request.

Colonies of bees: Honey and beeswax
United States, 1965-72

Year	Honey					Beeswax			
	Colonies	Yield	Production	Price	Total	Stocks	Production	Price	Total
	of bees	per colony		per pound	value	on hand		per pound	value
	1,000 colonies	Pounds	1,000 pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars
1965	4,718	51.3	241,849	17.8	43,011	57,679	4,697	44.9	2,111
1966	4,646	52.0	241,576	17.4	41,929	55,340	4,615	46.5	2,148
1967	4,635	46.6	215,780	15.6	33,678	56,733	4,386	58.8	2,580
1968	4,539	42.2	191,391	16.9	32,400	41,021	3,797	61.6	2,340
1969	4,433	60.3	267,485	17.5	46,742	62,743	5,171	61.1	3,162
1970	4,290	51.7	221,842	17.4	38,550	50,575	4,377	60.2	2,638
1971	4,110	48.0	197,428	21.8	43,100	30,907	3,585	61.3	2,196
1972	4,066	52.8	214,584	31.3	67,221	29,989	4,020	62.0	2,494

Commercial production in apiaries with 300 or more colonies in 20 major
producing States 1971-72

State	Colonies of bees			Yield per colony		Honey production		
	1971	1972	as % of 1971	1971	1972	1971	1972	as % of 1971
	: 1,000 colonies		Percent	Pounds		1,000 pounds		Percent
New York	: 51	53	104	70	59	3,570	3,127	88
Illinois	: 12	11	92	80	63	960	693	72
Michigan	: 61	61	100	70	55	4,270	3,355	79
Wisconsin	: 58	55	95	104	72	6,032	3,960	66
Minnesota	: 79	91	115	84	98	6,636	8,918	134
Iowa	: 42	42	100	95	80	3,990	3,360	84
North Dakota	: 55	59	107	77	142	4,235	8,378	198
South Dakota	: 106	115	108	97	124	10,282	14,260	139
Nebraska	: 102	104	102	56	80	5,712	8,320	146
North Carolina	: 6	6	100	79	60	474	360	76
Georgia	: 67	69	103	55	38	3,685	2,622	71
Florida	: 130	130	100	80	97	10,400	12,610	121
Texas	: 66	70	106	52	96	3,432	6,720	196
Montana	: 72	72	100	55	110	3,960	7,920	200
Idaho	: 91	86	95	39	47	3,549	4,042	114
Colorado	: 37	32	86	55	71	2,035	2,272	112
Arizona	: 41	43	106	60	52	2,460	2,236	91
Washington	: 70	77	110	26	43	1,820	3,311	182
Oregon	: 28	25	89	40	41	1,120	1,025	92
California	: 431	418	97	40	50	17,240	20,900	121
20 States	: 1,605	1,619	101	59.7	73.1	95,862	118,389	123

Colonies of bees and honey production, 1970-72

State	Colonies of bees				Yield per colony			Honey production			
	: 1972 :				: as % :			: 1972 :			
	1970	1971	1972	as %	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972	as %
	:	:	:	of 1971:	:	:	:	:	:	:	of 1971
	1,000 colonies				Percent			Pounds			
								1,000 pounds			
Maine	4	4	4	100	24	35	20	96	140	80	57
N. H.	5	4	4	100	21	32	16	105	128	64	50
Vt.	7	7	7	100	44	37	20	308	259	140	54
Mass.	9	9	9	100	24	25	19	216	225	171	76
R. I.	2	2	2	100	23	22	23	46	44	46	105
Conn.	8	8	8	100	21	24	28	168	192	224	117
N. Y.	136	125	121	90	65	57	42	8,840	7,125	5,082	71
N. J.	33	34	35	103	52	38	39	1,716	1,292	1,365	106
Pa.	96	89	92	103	39	40	41	3,744	3,560	3,772	106
Ohio	116	114	114	100	34	27	29	3,944	3,078	3,306	107
Ind.	82	80	78	98	49	37	33	4,018	2,960	2,574	87
Ill.	57	52	52	100	60	55	50	3,420	2,860	2,600	91
Mich.	116	115	113	98	60	70	53	6,960	8,050	5,989	74
Wis.	121	117	110	94	105	99	70	12,705	11,583	7,700	66
Minn.	177	156	140	90	110	78	84	19,470	12,168	11,760	97
Iowa	103	99	94	95	98	91	73	10,094	9,009	6,862	76
Mo.	96	86	86	100	39	43	36	3,744	3,698	3,096	84
N. Dak.	58	59	63	107	113	77	142	6,554	4,543	8,946	197
S. Dak.	118	110	119	108	115	96	124	13,570	10,560	14,756	140
Nebr.	109	114	116	102	88	55	79	9,592	6,270	9,164	146
Kans.	47	49	50	103	60	60	64	2,820	2,940	3,200	109
Del.	1	1	1	100	34	30	32	34	30	32	107
Md.	14	12	12	100	43	38	37	602	456	444	97
Va.	92	85	81	95	22	32	27	2,024	2,720	2,187	80
W. Va.	89	87	78	90	23	26	20	2,047	2,262	1,560	69
N. C.	201	191	193	101	24	36	37	4,824	6,876	7,141	104
S. C.	62	61	59	97	15	25	27	930	1,525	1,593	104
Ga.	174	162	164	101	32	35	37	5,568	5,670	6,068	107
Fla.	364	342	350	102	69	65	76	25,116	22,230	26,600	120
Ky.	71	70	70	100	24	29	13	1,704	2,030	910	45
Tenn.	145	141	141	100	14	24	17	2,030	3,384	2,397	71
Ala.	67	61	57	93	27	22	28	1,809	1,342	1,596	119
Miss.	57	55	55	100	28	21	28	1,596	1,155	1,540	133
Ark.	80	77	75	97	26	31	31	2,080	2,387	2,325	97
La.	35	30	30	100	47	45	45	1,645	1,350	1,350	100
Okla.	60	60	61	102	27	29	37	1,620	1,740	2,257	130
Tex.	195	192	196	102	45	44	58	8,775	8,448	11,368	135
Mont.	74	74	74	100	105	55	110	7,770	4,070	8,140	200
Idaho	117	110	100	91	41	39	46	4,797	4,290	4,600	107
Wyo.	30	31	30	97	75	60	72	2,250	1,860	2,160	116
Colo.	42	40	37	92	68	55	71	2,856	2,200	2,627	119
N. Mex.	15	13	13	100	37	48	59	555	624	767	123
Ariz.	59	53	53	100	45	56	51	2,655	2,968	2,703	91
Utah	50	48	47	99	36	30	37	1,800	1,440	1,739	121
Nev.	7	8	8	100	72	70	70	504	560	560	100
Wash.	93	90	97	107	45	29	39	4,185	2,610	3,783	145
Oreg.	70	68	64	94	51	34	40	3,570	2,312	2,560	111
Calif.	521	511	500	98	31	39	49	16,151	19,929	24,500	123
Hawaii	5	4	3	75	43	69	60	215	276	180	65
U. S.	4,290	4,110	4,066	99	51.7	48.0	52.8	197,428	214,584		109

HONEY: Price per pound, value of production and stocks on hand December 15, for sale, 1970 - 72

State	Average price			Value of			Honey stocks on hand		
	per pound			production			December 15 for sale		
	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972
	Cents			1,000 Dollars			1,000 pounds		
Maine	46.9	40.5	57.7	45	60	46	29	42	12
N. H.	40.7	50.7	57.0	51	65	36	29	19	12
Vt.	34.6	36.1	43.5	107	93	61	114	52	34
Mass.	39.2	42.2	50.0	85	95	86	84	79	34
R. I.	36.5	38.3	49.9	17	17	23	12	11	3
Conn.	31.4	35.5	47.3	53	60	106	87	67	50
N. Y.	16.5	22.6	31.5	1,459	1,617	1,601	2,298	1,069	915
N. J.	31.4	33.7	46.8	539	435	639	858	452	464
Pa.	20.2	25.2	33.0	756	397	1,275	1,305	1,566	981
Ohio	17.6	21.3	30.1	694	656	995	1,144	709	727
Ind.	17.4	21.7	28.3	699	642	728	1,607	770	438
Ill.	21.5	25.4	35.4	735	726	920	355	1,287	780
Mich.	15.2	20.5	29.4	1,058	1,650	1,761	2,506	3,140	1,857
Wis.	15.2	21.0	30.4	1,931	2,432	2,341	4,320	2,780	1,925
Minn.	16.0	19.1	28.0	3,115	2,324	3,387	4,673	1,338	1,646
Iowa	15.8	20.5	29.0	1,595	1,847	1,990	3,028	1,802	1,921
Mo.	29.6	33.0	35.2	1,108	1,220	1,090	899	444	805
N. Dak.	16.2	21.4	28.1	1,062	972	2,514	2,425	318	1,789
S. Dak.	15.4	21.0	29.1	2,090	2,218	4,294	3,530	1,162	2,066
Nebr.	15.8	19.0	28.3	1,516	1,191	2,593	2,696	1,818	1,650
Kans.	16.5	23.2	28.5	465	682	912	649	529	864
Del.	37.9	41.2	45.3	13	12	14	7	5	5
Md.	31.0	33.3	38.1	187	152	169	108	64	62
Va.	21.0	25.3	33.6	425	688	735	334	517	350
W. Va.	30.8	33.8	40.8	630	765	636	512	339	187
N. C.	26.3	31.7	44.2	1,269	2,180	3,156	965	1,031	357
S. C.	34.3	36.2	37.5	319	552	597	167	275	191
Ga.	17.6	20.6	28.4	980	1,168	1,723	557	397	303
Fla.	15.8	18.6	29.1	3,968	4,135	7,741	2,763	2,223	2,394
Ky.	40.6	41.1	46.3	692	834	421	204	223	127
Tenn.	17.8	21.2	26.5	361	717	635	426	508	268
Ala.	23.6	25.6	31.8	427	344	508	253	121	126
Miss.	18.9	22.8	35.2	302	263	542	399	243	231
Ark.	27.5	30.8	34.9	572	735	811	333	215	163
La.	14.3	18.2	25.2	235	246	340	329	54	68
Okla.	32.1	35.0	42.2	520	609	952	275	313	406
Texas	15.6	17.9	26.0	1,369	1,512	2,956	1,404	845	1,137
Mont.	15.6	21.4	30.4	1,212	871	2,475	1,632	163	1,384
Idaho	14.8	18.1	26.7	710	776	1,228	1,343	1,647	346
Wyo.	14.8	20.7	26.3	333	385	568	135	74	86
Colo.	17.0	22.4	31.5	486	493	828	242	330	578
N. Mex.	14.8	20.2	32.6	82	126	250	128	44	77
Ariz.	13.0	18.3	28.7	345	543	776	133	208	270
Utah	18.1	21.4	33.0	326	308	574	522	259	278
Rev.	14.6	20.2	28.6	74	113	160	96	50	56
Wash.	14.2	19.2	28.3	594	501	1,071	795	410	227
Oreg.	17.2	21.5	29.8	614	497	763	1,035	254	307
Calif.	14.2	18.1	27.3	2,293	3,607	6,688	1,454	598	980
Hawaii	15.0	21.7	31.3	32	60	56	56	36	11
U. S.	17.4	21.8	31.3	38,550	43,100	67,221	50,575	30,907	29,989

BLESWAX: Production, price per pound, and value, 1970-72

State	Production			Price per pound			Value		
	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972
	1,000 pounds			Cents			1,000 dollars		
Maine	2	3	2	60	65	65	1	2	1
N. H.	3	4	3	65	65	65	2	3	2
Vt.	6	5	2	60	60	65	4	3	1
Mass.	4	5	3	75	80	75	3	4	2
R. I.	1	1	1	60	60	70	1	1	1
Conn.	5	3	3	70	75	70	4	2	2
N. Y.	150	100	86	65	65	63	98	65	54
N. J.	33	22	26	67	70	67	22	15	17
Pa.	67	64	72	57	63	69	38	40	50
Ohio	59	58	68	58	60	64	34	35	44
Ind.	72	62	57	59	60	61	42	37	35
Ill.	86	57	52	59	63	62	51	36	32
Mich.	132	121	138	61	63	62	81	76	86
Wis.	203	174	158	60	63	63	122	110	100
Minn.	350	195	223	59	60	62	207	117	138
Iowa.	192	162	124	60	60	60	115	97	74
Mo.	75	78	68	63	62	55	47	48	37
N. Dak.	131	95	175	62	64	62	81	61	109
S. Dak.	231	158	246	64	68	62	148	107	153
Nebr.	173	113	156	57	60	61	99	68	95
Kans.	65	50	51	61	64	60	40	32	31
Del.	1	1	1	60	65	75	1	1	1
Md.	11	7	7	60	65	75	7	5	5
Va.	32	44	35	61	60	58	20	26	20
W. Va.	41	25	17	55	55	60	23	14	10
N. C.	135	138	160	53	54	59	72	75	94
S. C.	24	26	35	55	57	59	13	15	21
Ga.	111	57	79	59	59	64	65	34	51
Fla.	452	400	426	64	63	63	289	252	268
Ky.	43	43	13	54	56	62	23	24	8
Tenn.	41	68	48	54	56	60	22	38	29
Ala.	34	27	33	61	59	63	21	16	21
Miss.	56	38	25	58	61	62	32	23	16
Ark.	50	45	42	60	60	61	30	27	26
La.	28	23	27	60	64	69	17	15	19
Okla.	32	35	41	63	62	60	20	22	25
Texas	202	211	227	60	61	59	121	129	134
Mont.	155	81	163	61	61	67	95	49	109
Idaho	110	82	110	59	59	60	65	48	66
Wyo.	36	48	43	62	64	60	22	31	26
Colo.	63	46	47	61	64	64	38	29	30
N. Mex.	8	9	12	55	56	53	4	5	6
Ariz.	69	36	54	55	54	54	38	19	29
Utah	32	27	31	53	57	59	17	15	18
Nev.	8	10	6	59	60	60	5	6	4
Wash.	117	81	72	61	57	65	71	46	47
Oreg.	71	42	63	53	61	60	41	26	38
Calif.	371	399	485	60	61	63	223	243	306
Hawaii	4	6	4	78	65	65	3	4	3
U. S.	4,377	3,585	4,020	60.2	61.3	62.0	2,638	2,196	2,494

HONEY: Average price per pound received by producers, 1970-72

State	Wholesale extracted honey											
	Unprocessed bulk						Processed bulk					
	55 gal. containers			60 lb. containers			All			55 gal. containers		
	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972
	Cents											
Maine												
N. H.												
Vt.	20		23		20		20	20	23			
Mass.				22	22	24	22	22	24			
R. I.				19	21	23	19	21	23			
Conn.				18	25	27	18	25	27	20		
N. Y.	14	20	31	14	20	28	14	20	29	17	31	35
N. J.				18	22	35	18	22	35			
Pa.	14	21	29	15	19	29	15	20	29	20	23	32
Ohio	14	19	30	14	17	27	14	18	28	25	29	40
Ind.	14	20	25	19	20	28	16	20	26		25	40
Ill.	18	22	33	16	19	27	16	21	31	21	22	34
Mich.	14	19	28	14	19	29	14	19	28	15	18	27
Wis.	14	20	29	14	19	29	14	20	29	15	22	31
Minn.	14	16	25	14	17	27	14	17	26	15	21	31
Iowa	14	19	27	14	19	26	14	19	27	17	21	32
Mo.	18	21	24	20	23	26	19	22	25			28
N. Dak.	15	20	27	17	22	29	15	20	27	18	25	30
S. Dak.	15	20	29	15	19	28	15	20	29	18	25	28
Nebr.	15	19	28	15	17	25	15	19	28	15	19	25
Kans.	14	22	27	15	18	24	14	21	26	17	22	
Del.				18	23	31	18	23	31			
Md.	18	20	26	17	21	27	17	21	27		24	
Va.	15	20	28	17	21	31	16	21	30	26	27	35
W. Va.	15	20	26	20	21	27	18	21	27			
N. C.	15	17	28	16	18	28	15	17	28	17	19	30
S. C.	18	18	25	20	20	26	19	19	26	19	19	26
Ga.	15	17	26	19	20	26	15	17	26	15	19	24
Fla.	14	15	26		16	30	14	15	26	15	21	29
Ky.				18	20	29	18	20	29	22	23	36
Tenn.	14	18	22	15	21	27	14	18	22	19	21	31
Ala.	12	15	22	14	15	22	12	15	22	15	17	26
Miss.	11	14	27	14	15	30	11	14	28	13	16	28
Ark.	18	21	30	19	19	29	18	20	29	20	27	33
La.	12	16	24				12	16	24			
Okla.				14	22	32	14	22	32			
Tex.	13	14	22	14	18	28	13	14	23	12	21	32
Mont.	15	21	30	16	20	31	15	21	30			
Idaho	13	16	24	14	17	27	14	17	25	14	21	29
Wyo.	14	20	26	18	19	25	15	20	26			
Colo.	14	19	28	14	18	28	14	19	28	15	23	33
N. Mex.	13	20	37	14	19	24	13	19	32	25	23	23
Ariz.	12	17	27	13	18	30	12	17	28			
Utah	16	17	28	17	18	33	16	17	30	17	24	29
Nev.	14	21	29	14	17	24	14	20	28			
Wash.	13	18	27	16	20	29	13	18	27			
Oreg.	14	18	27	15	19	27	14	18	27	23	24	32
Calif.	13	17	27	13	17	26	13	17	26	16	19	28
Hawaii	13	14	30	14	16	27	14	15	29		22	29
U. S.	14.1	17.8	27.0	14.8	18.5	27.2	14.2	18.0	27.0	16.0	21.3	29.8

HONEY: Average price per pound received by producers, 1970-72

State	Wholesale extracted honey								
	Total bulk			Package			All 1/		
	All containers								
	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972
	C e n t s								
Maine				42	44	54	42	44	54
N. H.				42	45	49	42	45	49
Vt.	20	20	23	33	34	42	33	34	41
Mass.	22	22	24	37	39	48	35	37	44
R. I.	19	21	23	35	36	44	29	30	39
Conn.	19	25	27	38	42	49	27	32	41
N. Y.	14	20	29	24	29	39	15	21	30
N. J.	18	22	35	26	28	43	23	26	40
Pa.	15	20	29	22	26	34	16	21	30
Ohio	14	18	28	22	26	31	15	19	29
Ind.	16	20	26	27	30	41	16	20	27
Ill.	17	21	31	27	29	39	19	24	33
Mich.	14	19	28	22	28	39	14	19	29
Wis.	14	20	29	24	29	40	15	21	30
Minn.	14	17	26	23	28	40	15	17	27
Iowa	14	19	27	25	28	38	15	19	28
Mo.	19	22	25	26	28	30	24	26	29
N. Dak.	15	20	27	20	26	34	15	20	27
S. Dak.	15	20	29	24	31	30	15	21	29
Nebr.	15	19	28	23	26	33	16	19	28
Kans.	14	21	26	24	28	32	15	21	26
Del.	18	23	31	29	30	35	28	30	35
Md.	17	21	27	32	33	38	27	29	34
Va.	17	21	30	28	33	42	18	23	32
W. Va.	18	21	27	26	31	38	25	29	36
N. C.	16	18	29	29	37	49	24	30	42
S. C.	19	19	26	33	36	38	32	35	37
Ga.	15	18	26	27	35	45	16	18	27
Fla.	14	16	26	24	32	39	14	17	27
Ky.	19	21	31	37	38	42	29	30	37
Tenn.	15	18	23	31	34	41	16	19	24
Ala.	12	15	22	28	29	33	13	16	23
Miss.	12	14	28	26	31	45	15	19	32
Ark.	19	22	30	28	30	34	23	26	32
La.	12	16	24	24	26	30	14	18	25
Okla.	14	22	32	26	31	36	26	31	35
Texas	13	14	23	27	30	37	15	15	23
Mont.	15	21	30	21	27	37	15	21	30
Idaho	14	17	25	22	27	40	14	17	26
Wyo.	15	20	26	24	28	37	15	20	26
Colo.	14	19	28	22	29	38	16	21	30
N. Mex.	14	19	32	29	31	40	14	20	32
Ariz.	12	17	28	21	28	35	13	18	28
Utah	16	17	30	18	25	31	17	18	30
Nev.	14	20	28	17	21	33	14	20	28
Wash.	13	18	27	24	28	33	13	18	27
Oreg.	14	18	27	24	28	32	15	19	27
Calif.	13	17	26	16	23	36	13	17	27
Hawaii	14	19	29	25	34	42	14	21	31
U. S.	14.2	18.2	27.1	25.8	31.3	37.2	15.4	19.6	28.6

1/ Total bulk plus packaged.

HONEY: Average price per pound received by producers, 1970-72

State	Retailed extracted			Chunk			Comb		
	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972
					C e n t s				
Maine	50	51	60	59	58	65	63	63	69
N. H.	49	50	60	65	65	65	65	68	68
Vt.	38	40	52	53	56	59	59	61	63
Mass.	45	49	60	65	70	75	61	66	71
R. I.	44	46	57						
Conn.	45	47	55						
N. Y.	33	38	47	46	50	58	49	52	62
N. J.	45	47	58	62	65	75	64	68	71
Pa.	35	37	47	41	48	53	41	45	52
Ohio	31	33	43	39	41	43	43	45	43
Ind.	36	37	47		48	64	49	50	69
Ill.	33	35	47	35	38	50	44	48	55
Mich.	28	38	46				45	54	61
Wis.	26	33	45						
Minn.	28	31	45	36	46	53	45	51	62
Iowa	33	37	47	36	40	66	39	46	51
Mo.	31	33	36	45	47	49	40	49	50
N. Dak.	27	32	42	33	45		40	59	44
S. Dak.	26	31	33						
Nebr.	26	28	36						
Kans.	27	35	36	39	44	43	44	55	43
Del.	42	44	48	58	59	69	55	55	56
Md.	39	42	45	51	53	54	52	54	56
Va.	37	38	48	40	44	46	42	43	47
W. Va.	37	38	45	38	39	46	42	42	50
N. C.	34	38	60	36	42	55	40	44	44
S. C.	41	40	40	34	36	35	40	39	40
Ga.	41	43	51	30	37	39	30	37	39
Fla.	29	37	42	29	35	52			
Ky.	44	44	50	43	43	45	43	43	49
Tenn.	40	42	48	37	40	55	38	42	54
Ala.	34	37	42	38	37	41	40	41	57
Miss.	32	38	45	32	38	46	33	40	48
Ark.	36	40	41	35	42	39	40	45	42
La.	30	35	35						
Okla.	41	42	49	40	43	47	49	48	69
Texas	29	35	39	39	45	52	40	50	53
Mont.	25	33	43						
Idaho	23	30	41	33	38	45			
Wyo.	23	28	36						
Colo.	28	34	45	40	45	50	38	51	54
N. Mex.	37	37	43						
Ariz.	29	32	41						
Utah	22	29	40						
Nev.	28	37	51						
Wash.	25	29	36	28	45	50	45	50	60
Oreg.	26	31	41				45	49	53
Calif.	34	35	45						
Hawaii	31	34	43						
U. S.	32.1	36.6	43.1	36.2	40.6	51.4	41.7	46.3	52.6

Extracted honey in wholesale lots sold for an average price of 28.6 cents per pound, 9.0 cents above 1971. Unprocessed bulk honey averaged 27.0 cents per pound compared with 18.0 cents in 1971. Sales of processed bulk honey averaged 29.8 cents per pound, 8.5 cents higher than a year earlier. Processed packaged sales averaged 37.2 cents per pound compared with 31.3 cents in 1971.


Prices received for retail sales of extracted honey averaged 43.1 cents per pound in 1972, 6.5 cents above 1971.

Sales of all chunk Honey (wholesale and retail) averaged 51.4 cents per pound, 10.8 cents above a year earlier. Prices for all comb honey averaged 52.6 cents per pound compared with 46.3 cents in 1971.

Beeswax prices averaged 62.0 cents per pound, 0.7 cent higher than in 1971.

MAJOR PRODUCING STATES

Commercial production (apiaries with 300 or more colonies) in 20 major States totaled 118.4 million pounds. This is more than was expected in September and accounts for 55 percent of the Nation's 1972 honey flow. The commercial honey crop in the 20 States was produced by 1,619,000 colonies. The yield per colony was 73.1 pounds and compares with the United States average of 52.8 pounds.



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